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1. Of a quota of 1,000 tons of rolled steel plate which was supposed to be delivered to VVB EKM Halle during the third quarter of 1952, only 200 tons had been made available by 28 August 1952. The following day, (fn) Kõdderitzsch addressed an inquiry about the missing amount to (fn) Richter in the Material Accounting (Materialbilanzierung) Division of the Ministry for Machine Construction. In his letter, Kõdderitzsch noted that of the total amount, 800 tons ~~were~~ needed for the production of five boilers (Flamrohrkessel) to be exported to the Soviet Union. Of these 800 tons, 600 ~~were~~ for Dresden-Übigau, 100 for Hohenthurm and 100 for Gera-Kessel.
2. Dresden-Übigau had received 100 tons, Gera-Kessel 35 and Hohenthurm 54 of the amounts specified. Conversations with the distribution center of DMR and with the rolling mill produced no reassurance on a definite delivery date.
3. Kõdderitzsch asked Richter to do all in his power to insure the delivery of the full allotment. ~~If all else fails, he said,~~ the State Administration for Material Procurement of the Ministry for Smelting and Ore Mining should give Eisenburg directions to roll and deliver the steel necessary for completion of the boilers in conformity with all specifications.
4. The letter closed with a statement of the importance of the Soviet order and the reminder that the order had only been given VVB EKM after protracted negotiations with the Russians.

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